ding ex-serviceman who has obtained the Army Special Certificate of Education or the corresponding Certificate in the Navy or the Air Force), who has put in not less than 15 years of service in the Armed Forces of the Unions may be considered eligible for appointment to the post for which the essential educational qualification prescribed is graduation and where:—

(i) work experience of technical or professional nature is not essential; and

(ii) though non-technical professional work experience is prescribed as essential yet the appointing authority is satisfied that the ex-serviceman is expected to perform the duties of the post by undergoing on the job training for a short duration.

These instruction are applicable only for the purpose of dirtct recruitment and not for promotion.

Commissioning of Ordnance Factory at Medak

1509. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed ordnance factory at Medak in Andhra Pradesh has since been commissioned; and

(b) if not what is the progress of the construction thereof and by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Ordnance Factory at Medak is yet to be commissioned. The implementation is progressing according to the schedules drawn up in consultation with the collaborators. The progress is being closely monitored.

It would not be in the national interest to disclose further details.

Supply of Disembarkation and Embarkation Cards in Indian Languages

1510. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Disembarkation and Embarkation cards required to be filled in by the passengers of Air India are supplied in English only and not in Hindi or any other Indian language;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to get the above cards printed in Hindi and other Indian languages; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These cards are meant not only for Indians but also for foreign nationals. These are being printed in English language as English is the most widely known language amongst the foreigners who form very sizeable proportion of these passengers.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Indian Participation in International Efforts is Nuclear Safety

1511. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are participating in any international effort to discuss and devise safety measures on nuclear energy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?